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AGRICULTURAL LAND IN PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the extent of Agricultural land and net sown area in the country particularly in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the area of land under single crop and multi crop, separately, State-wise; and

(d) the details of proposals under consideration of the Government to make use of the un-cultivable land?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in the Ministry of Agriculture conducts Agriculture Census quinquennially through out the country. As per Agriculture Census 2000-01, the State-wise estimated area operated and net sown area are at Annexure-I.

(c): As per Input Survey 1996-97, the estimated area of land under single crop and multi crop are at Annexure-II and Annexure-III respectively.

(d): Government of India is implementing various schemes / programmes for development of degraded lands including wastelands, namely:

National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA),

Soil Conservation for Enhancing the Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR),

Reclamation of Alkali Soils (RAS),

Watershed Development Project for Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA),

Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP),

Desert Development Programme (DDP),

Integrated Wasteland Development Project (IWDP),

Watershed Development Fund (WDF) and

Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) for development of lands in the country.